

Wabash and Erie Canals collection S1495

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Summary Information

Repository	Indiana State Library
Title	Wabash and Erie Canals collection
Date	1835-1941
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1495

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Historical Note

The Wabash and Erie Canal, the longest canal in the United States, (464 miles) ran from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana, the connection being finished by 1853. In 1876, the canal was auctioned off by the trustees.

The following marker was installed by the Indiana Historical Bureau.

"A canal from Terre Haute to Evansville authorized 1846. Maysville Division along White River was over 23 miles long from Newberry through Owl Prairie (now Elnora) to Maysville; part of it paralleled what is now S.R. 57. Contracts were let June 1849. Construction was delayed by cholera outbreaks among workers, many of whom were Irish immigrants. Navigation between Newberry and Maysville opened June 1852. By 1853, Wabash and Erie Canal, America's longest at approximately 460 miles, linked Lake Erie at Toledo, Ohio with Ohio River at Evansville. By 1860, most of southern section no longer used because of repair costs and railroad competition. Entire canal in Indiana sold at auction 1876."

Canal Society of Indiana. <http://www.indcanal.org/canals-wabash-erie.html> Gray, Ralph D. (1994). "Overview:Transportation". In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. (p. 190). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341Ien

Scope and Contents

This collection includes texts from Noah Noble, D. Burr, James Whitcomb, John Henderson, and Dr. William N. Reser in Indiana ranging from 1835 to 1941 regarding the Wabash and Erie Canal, its workers, sale, and boats.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Indiana State Library

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 1998/07 by Philip Williams. EAD finding aid revised 2013/09/10 by Edythe Huffman

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana
- Wabash and Erie Canal (Ind. and Ohio)

Personal Name(s)

- Noble, Noah, 1794-1844
- Reser, William N.
- Spencer, John
- Tipton, John, 1786-1839
- Whitcomb, James

Subject(s)

- Boating industry
- Labor disputes
- Rare Books and Manuscripts

Collection Inventory

Indiana House of Representatives correspondence, 1835/12/31

Wabash and Erie Canal disposition resolution, 1894/01/23

Canal boats notes, 1941/04/14